



Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.

December 20, 1934 - May 12, 2016

BOWMAN, Mr. Manual Sr. - Age 81, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2016 at his residence. Family hour 12:00 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2016 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., with funeral service commencing at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Faith Green-Timmons Pastor. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12:00 p.m. Monday. Mr. Bowman will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. with family present Sunday.

Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr. was born December 20, 1934 in Jonesville, Louisiana to Elizabeth (Hollins) and Champ Bowman. He was a proud family man. Manual loved and was most proud of his family. He touched the lives of so many people and leaves those memories as well as his legendary sayings within each of those that he touched. Manual has five children, seventeen grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, one expected great-great-grandchild, has been married and divorced twice and had lots of great family and friends. He was a true believer of Christ and a man of conviction. Manual leaves a tremendous legacy for all to continue to build upon. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church where he was a part of the Male Chorus, served as Usher and previously assisted with custodial services. Manual loved his church home, loved singing with the Male Chorus and loved to usher. He was also a former member of the Elks

IBPOEW Genesee Temple #550 Vehicle City Lodge #1036, Masons and Genesee County Uniformed Security in Ministry.

Manual loved cooking, especially bar-b-que; and would challenge anyone on the grill. He also loved his hats; he loved singing and all genres of music (gospel, blues, R & B and jazz). Manual spent his time with his family (Sunday dinners, birthday celebrations, holiday and Kwanzaa celebrations, and family vacations). He loved all types of sports, and also enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, playing bingo, cards and dominos.

After graduating from Catahoula Parish Training School in Jonesville, Louisiana in 1954, Manual journeyed to Flint, Michigan in quest of a job with General Motors. He realized that dream gaining employment with General Motors. After three or four years of working for General Motors, Manual was affected by a lay-off and returned to Louisiana. He was then drafted into the Army. He received an Honorable Discharge due to health reasons after a short time of service. Manual was later recalled to General Motors returning to Flint, Michigan in 1960. He was also instrumental in assisting others with entry into General Motors. After several failed attempts to get in General Motors by family members and friends, Manual assisted and coached them with the application process, at times even completing the application for them. He was employed with General Motors for 33 years working his way from production, to foreman, to Supervisor. Manual was also a member of UAW Local #599. He retired on May 1, 1988 as Supervisor of Quality Control at Buick Motor Company, a division of General Motors.

Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr. leaves to cherish his memories: three daughters, Gail Bowman (Terry), Melita Bowman-Murphy and Carliss Bowman; two sons, Manual (Shielah) Bowman Jr. and Darryl Bowman (Sonia); loving companion, partner, previous wife, caregiver and friend, Ruthie Bowman; seventeen grandchildren, Corlonda Bowman-Williams, Tromondae Murphy (Trihasa),

Damontae Scott, Desondra Bowman, Terrell Harris, Sharonda Bowman (Desmond Sr.), Manual Bowman III, Ti'Lasha Bowman (Donnell), Oscar (Brandi) Saenz, Roemon Murphy, Mondrae Murphy, Monroe Murphy III, Kizwana Bowman-Gill, Laryail Pinson, Keighlis Jordan, Nathaniel Bowman and JaVon Cuba; thirty-five great-grandchildren, Dazjah, Acajah (Kristin), Imani, Dakari, Serenity, Amiah, Madison, Ayden, Manual IV, Jaivonni, Kayliahna, Zy'Anthony, Emma, Zoey, Lylah, Jordan, Sekai, Averi, Noah, Destiny, NaSkyah, MyAziah, Alaysha, ZaMirr, Tromondae Jr., Shaniece, Amare', Aniya, Alijah, Marquinn, Aaliyah, Desmond Jr., Dallas, Xavier and Dillon; one great-great-grandchild, Jayce; one expected great-great-grandchild, Ava; brother, WC (Beulah Mae) Bowman; special family relatives and friends, former daughter-in-law, Bonnie Bowman; god-given daughter, Sonya White; former son-in-law, Monroe Murphy, Jr.; family pet, Khloe; good friend and fellow church member, O.T. Perry; friend, Henry Wedlow; friend and fishing buddy, Darryl Stone, and Carolyn Brock; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his Bethel United Methodist Church family.

Mr. Bowman was preceded in death by his newborn daughter, Shirley Bowman; newborn son, Daniel Bowman; parents, Elizabeth (Hollins) and Champ Bowman; maternal grandparents, Jack and Janie (Kittling) Hollins; paternal grandparents, Emmanuel and Chaney Bowman; sisters, Mary Gildersleeve and Mozella Bowman; brother, Champ Bowman, Jr.; mother-in-law, Marie Wilkerson; father-in-law, Wade Wilkerson; and god-given grandson, LaRhon Williams.

The family would like to express special thanks to caregivers, granddaughter Kizzy; previous wife Ruthie; son Darryl who stayed night after night, our family for being who we are, all who ran errands, came to sit, talk and pray with our Dad or brought food, Dr. Naik, Burton DaVita Home Dialysis, Heartland Home Health Care, Rev. Faith Green Timmons, Gregory Timmons and Rev. Dr.

Andrew A. Allie.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Family Present

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Public Viewing

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Family hour

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.
Flint, MI

Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *hi i am manual bowman and i am his great grand son i love you you where a good man*

manual bowman - May 01, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dave Richardson - May 23, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ *TO OUR BOWMAN FAMILIES, with love, prayers, and the deepest sympathy.*



Mr & Mrs. James Poindexter & Family - May 23, 2016 at 09:06 AM

PR

“ My sympathies to Melita and her family during this time of sorrow and loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul & Nancy Rozycki



Paul Rozycki - May 22, 2016 at 10:48 PM

DM

“ David & Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.



David & Versie Munerlyn - May 22, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr..



May 20, 2016 at 10:23 AM

DD

“ Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.



Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon - May 19, 2016 at 01:33 PM

DD

May the concern and sympathy of those who care help you through this difficult time..

Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon - May 19, 2016 at 01:37 PM

RE

“ *Dear Melita and Gail,
So sorry to hear about your father. My heart goes out to you during this difficult loss. Prayers and love to you both.*

Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez

Rebecca - May 19, 2016 at 12:48 PM

SH

“ *Sam Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.*



Sam Hill - May 19, 2016 at 06:39 AM

DJ

“ *To the Bowman Family: May you find peace in knowing that the arms of the Divine are wrapped around you, providing the strength and comfort you need during this most difficult time.*

*Dr. Lloyd Sheldon Johnson
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

Dr. Lloyd S. Johnson - May 18, 2016 at 04:19 PM

RB

Thank you Lloyd

Ruthie Bowman - May 19, 2016 at 02:41 PM

EB

“ *Ervine & Robert Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.*



Ervine & Robert Byrd - May 17, 2016 at 10:00 PM

JF

“ *Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.*



Janice Womack & Family - May 17, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *To The Bowman FAM':
YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCE.
MAY YOUR STRENGTH be IN HIM & HIM
ALONE.
Ms. Sharon Jackson*



Shar'n Joy Jackson - May 17, 2016 at 09:21 AM

RB

Thanks Sharon

Ruthie Bowman - May 19, 2016 at 02:43 PM

TJ

“ Prayers and condolences to the Bowman family.

Teresa Murray Jenkins



teresa Jenkins - May 16, 2016 at 02:29 PM

RB

Thanks

Ruthie Bowman - May 19, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.



RE-NAYE SANDERS - May 15, 2016 at 10:59 PM



MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU ALL. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU DURING YOUR DARKEST HOURS.

RE-NAYE SANDERS - May 15, 2016 at 11:00 PM

BF

“ In prayer for the Bowman Families, Mr. Bowman touched a lot of people lives, and now lives within each and every one that shared apart of his life. If we ever want to see him, we could simple look at his children, because you can see him in you all. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived, Sincerely The Brock Family



Brock Family - May 15, 2016 at 07:08 PM

SB

“ A man that is loved & respected by many. He will forever have a place in our hearts. We will miss you, but will always cherish the memories. We love you!!



Shielah Bowman - May 15, 2016 at 06:49 PM

PS

“ Patricia Spillers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.



Patricia Spillers - May 15, 2016 at 06:46 PM

PN

“ *Mr. Bowman was such a strong and respected man. Such wisdom for all the children on Camellia Drive. The Houston family will continue to pray for your family. Joy comes in the morning.*



Pamela (Houston) Nealy - May 15, 2016 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ *Our prayer goes out to Mrs. Ruthie Bowman, Manual (Coot), Gail, Melita, Carliss, Darryl, my God-Daughter Kizwana and ALL of the Bowman Families. Mr. Bowman was a joyful and wonderful man to us. We will miss his physical presence, but will celebrate so many memories of having the opportunity of being apart of his legacy. We pray that you all have the strength and comfort you need for this challenging time and that God holds us all closer in his loving arms, in Jesus name we pray Amen....In Prayer, Darryl Stone and Carolyn Brock*



Darry & Carolyn - May 14, 2016 at 08:24 PM

EB

“ *My prayer, sympathy, and thoughts are with all of you in the loss of Manny. I know that he is greatly missed. Emma J. Bowman*



Emma J Bowman - May 14, 2016 at 07:53 PM

LM

“ *Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.*



lanita murray marion - May 14, 2016 at 07:00 PM

CO

“ *My grandfather will truly be missed. I love you and sad to see you go. I'm so very blessed to have had you in our lives. Enjoy your new found rest. God keep our family through this season and we know joy cometh in the morning.*



Corlonda - May 14, 2016 at 04:01 PM

IH

“ *Iris (Nita) Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manual Bowman, Sr.*



Iris (Nita) Hare - May 14, 2016 at 02:37 PM